



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Chapter	133K	New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act Procedures And Requirements	8/10/2007
Subchapter:	1	General Provisions	
Section	9	<b>Actions taken by hospital staff when safe haven infant brought directly to the hospital (N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.9)</b>	

### **§10:133K-1.9 Actions taken by hospital staff when safe haven infant brought directly to the hospital**

(a) When a person appears at a hospital emergency department with an infant and demonstrates, by action or in words, that he or she wishes to leave the infant behind, hospital staff shall initiate action, as necessary, in an attempt to determine:

1. Whether the person is acting voluntarily, on his or her own volition; and

2. If the person intends to return for the infant, or seeks to permanently give up the rights to the infant.

(b) If the hospital staff determines that the person appears to be acting voluntarily, on his or her own volition, and has no intent to return for the infant, the hospital staff shall take physical custody of the infant pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7b(1), and shall:

1. Examine the infant;

2. Contact the police immediately and the State Central Registry pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10 if, upon examination, the infant appears to be abused or neglected;

3. Admit the infant and take any action necessary to protect the infant's physical health and safety pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7b(2);

4. Advise the person of the right to remain anonymous in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.6(a), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7g;

5. Advise the person that he or she may voluntarily disclose information in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.6(b), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7g;

6. Record information in the infant's medical chart in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.10, if identifying or non-identifying information about the

infant and birth family is voluntarily offered by the person who brought the infant to the hospital emergency department;

7. Offer the person services, medical care or a referral for services, as appropriate;

8. Notify the Safe Haven for Infants Hotline, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.4(c)2, no later than the first business day after taking possession of the infant pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7b(3);

9. Administer routine tests and treatment as would be provided to any newborn infant delivered at, or brought to a New Jersey hospital within 30 days of birth;

10. Comply with any court order obtained by the Division, including deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profiling and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing and other medical testing of the infant; and

11. Notify the Division of the infant's anticipated discharge date, to enable the Division to identify and prepare a selected adoptive home for the infant, if a suitable home is available which can meet the infant's needs.